

the difficult Smoke Diver's Certification. In his spare time, he has been involved with many clubs and organizations, including: President of the East Pasco Soccer Youth League, President of the Kiwanis Club, youth baseball coach, youth soccer coach, board member of the Chamber of Commerce, member of International Association of Fire Chiefs, member of Florida Fire Chiefs' Association, member of Pasco Hernando Fire Chiefs' Association, member of Florida Fire Marshals' Association and was an instructor at the Florida State Fire College.

Chief Hartwig will spend his retirement years pursuing his first love; home remodeling. Learning the construction trade by working side-by-side with his father, he eventually created his own home remodeling business, "The House Doctor." He also loves Alaska and has spent extensive time there commercial salmon fishing. Chief Hartwig has a grown son, Jeff, a grown daughter, Amy, and one grandchild.

The entire Zephyrhills community can be proud of the work that Chief Hartwig has accomplished during his thirty-two year tenure. A dedicated public servant, Robert Hartwig has earned his retirement many times over and should be congratulated for a job well done.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
CLEVELAND POLICE DETECTIVE
JONATHAN SCHROEDER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Cleveland Police Detective Jonathan Schroeder, who bravely and selflessly heeded the call to duty and made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our community.

Family, friends and service to others enveloped Detective Schroeder's life. He drew personal strength and faith from those close to him, especially his wife, Amy, and infant son, Eric. His generous spirit and humble nature made him a role model for those around him. He would often help shovel neighbors' driveways and sidewalks, and when his premature son left Fairview Hospital in a healthy condition, he vowed to make an annual donation to the hospital.

Detective Schroeder's steadfast focus on hard work and serving the public were evidenced throughout his life. He grew up in Monroeville, Pennsylvania and was a 1992 graduate of Kent State University. Detective Schroeder finished the police academy in 1996 and heroically served the Cleveland Police Department for ten years, five of those years as a detective. His calm demeanor and sense of fairness reflected in his colleagues' deep admiration and respect for him, as a police officer and as a human being. Detective Schroeder had a reputation for handling victims, as well as suspects, with an equal amount of respect.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Detective Jonathan Schroeder. I extend my deepest condolences to his family members and many friends. The ultimate sacrifice, significant service and true heart that framed the life of Detective Schroeder will live forever in the

memories and hearts of all those who knew and loved him best. His legacy of service and courage will be honored and remembered by the Cleveland community, today and for all time.

HONORING LOUIS E. DAUGHERTY,
M.D. ON THE OCCASION OF HIS
RETIREMENT

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of Dr. Louis E. Daugherty on the occasion of his retirement from the position of Medical Examiner of Napa County.

Dr. Daugherty has had a long career of service to his community and country, exemplifying the highest ideals of the medical profession. Born in St. Paul, Minnesota, Dr. Daugherty earned a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Arizona before completing his M.D. at Marquette University.

Dr. Daugherty served as a Battalion Surgeon in the United States Army in Vietnam, saving the lives of many young soldiers. His bravery during the Tet Offensive at the Siege of Saigon was rewarded with a Silver Star, one of our nation's highest military honors for distinguished gallantry. He was further recognized with the Combat Medic's Badge for his medical service alongside infantrymen under combat conditions in the Vietnamese Delta.

After his service in Vietnam, Dr. Daugherty returned to school to complete his residencies at one of our nation's finest medical schools, the University of California at San Francisco. Having finished his residencies, he took a series of positions in the greater Bay Area as a pathologist and medical consultant. He has worked for Napa County for the last 28 years as a Medical Examiner and Forensic pathologist.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to his career with Napa County, Dr. Daugherty has assisted his wife Sheila's innovative treatment center to help teens with substance abuse problems. He has provided the medical services which allow the center to assist teens with the broad scope of issues they must confront in overcoming substance abuse.

Dr. Daugherty is known to his friends and family as a man of strong character and steely determination. A long-time marathon runner, he has also completed the Ironman and other triathlons. Dr. Daugherty and his wife have two children, Dr. Eugene Daugherty and Dr. Matthew Daugherty. They are also blessed with two grandchildren, Cecilia and Frances.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we extend thanks to Dr. Louis E. Daugherty for his long record of public service to the people of Napa County. His professional and personal integrity have greatly contributed to our community, and I wish him all of the best in the future.

RECOGNIZING LILLIE BEATRICE
KNIGHT IRVING

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize a Mississippian who has given a century of service to her family, friends and community. She and her husband, the Reverend Monroe J. Irving, reared ten children. She now has forty-two grandchildren, eighty-seven great-grandchildren, twenty-eight great-great-grandchildren, and one great-great-great-grandchild. Her family in quality and quantity has blessed southwest Mississippi.

Lillie Beatrice Knight Irving was born on September 11, 1906 in Adams County, Mississippi. She studied at Wickland Elementary School, Brumfield High School, and Alcorn State University. She then gave back to the education community serving as a teacher for forty-six years at the Tate Baptist Church Public School, the Wickland Elementary Public School, Central Elementary School and Liddell Elementary School.

She married Monroe Irving on January 17, 1933 and together they made a life of service to God and man. She served as the church clerk for thirty-three years and deaconess of Greater Mt. Bethel Baptist Church. Her service can be seen in the many awards and honors she has received from her church and community. But the real fruit of her life can be seen in how she cares for her fellow Mississippians through prayer and work and faith.

Mr. Speaker, Lillie is thoughtful and careful to feed her mind, body and soul; keeping active and balancing a strong body and her strong faith. Her commitment to the Word of God and her saving Lord has given her purpose and her life's strength. She has a family with a wonderful reputation and she and they have been a blessing to her community, her friends and everyone she comes in contact with. I hope this Congress joins me in wishing her a very happy one-hundredth birthday and praying she has many years with the Mississippi she so loves and serves.

TRIBUTE TO SHIRLEY S.
ABRAHAMSON

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to a distinguished American, Shirley S. Abrahamson, who is being honored today at the Wisconsin State Capitol for her 50 years of membership in the bar, 30 years as a justice on the Wisconsin Supreme Court, and 10 years as Chief Justice.

But Chief Justice Abrahamson is not being honored solely on the basis of time-served. Her colleagues, students, friends, and family, indeed all citizens of Wisconsin, are the beneficiaries of her work ethic, intellect, compassion, sense of humor, respect for justice and dedication to the law.

An elected fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, this daughter of immigrants grew up across the street from her family's grocery store in New York City. The only

woman in her law school class, the first woman on the Wisconsin Supreme Court, the first woman to serve there as Chief Justice, Shirley Abrahamson, among other honors, was elected by her peers as President of the Conference of Chief Justices and Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Center of State Courts because of their "abiding confidence in her leadership and her judicial acumen."

She paved the way for women in the law and set a standard of excellence in the Court, always reminding us, "We need to be careful to appreciate our system of judicial independence and ensure it survives."

Last year, while standing patiently in the line of mourners outside the U.S. Supreme Court to pay respects at the bier of Chief Justice Rehnquist, Chief Justice Abrahamson was recognized and urged to exert her celebrity and move to the front of the line. "That's not the Wisconsin tradition," she replied.

Shirley Abrahamson not only respects Wisconsin's tradition of equal justice and equal opportunity, she enforces both with strength, courage, and grace.

I join the people of Wisconsin in paying tribute to a great jurist and citizen, Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote No. 426. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye".

NEW BEDFORD CELEBRATION OF THE NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, on September 12th, the Annual Hispanic Recognition Awards Ceremony will take place in New Bedford, Massachusetts. These awards express the admiration and appreciation of the community for outstanding individuals who have shown leadership in a variety of ways. Unfortunately for me, we will be in session when this awards ceremony takes place, and I will not be able to attend in person, which I would have liked to do so that I could express directly my admiration and gratitude to the winners of these awards for the work they have done.

Mr. Speaker, since I cannot be there and because the work that is being recognized is so important not just for the Hispanic Community but for the Greater New Bedford Community and indeed all of Southeastern Massachusetts, I wish to take the opportunity here to commend Mayor Lang, elected officials and the committee, led by Director Emilio Cruz, who have done the work that is culminating in this important ceremony and to express my deep appreciation of the winners of the awards.

Mr. Speaker, the list of the awardees is: Reverend Eva Amaro, Senior Pastor of the Christian Revival Temple, Dr. Guillermo Gonzalez, MD, renowned psychiatrist, Mr. Anibal Lucas, Director of the Maya Kichee USA, Ms. Raquel Tejas, businesswoman.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO TERRY AND LEE KISTNER

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Terry and Lee Kistner of Overton, Nevada for their overwhelming commitment to serving others.

Terry and Lee moved to Overton nearly ten years ago. Shortly thereafter, they opened Valley Boot and Shoe Repair, a small business specializing in leather craftsmanship, including boots, saddles, tack and repairs. Despite the struggles of owning a small business in an economy dominated by large companies and manufacturers, Terry and Lee have managed to keep their doors open and their business running successfully for more than nine years. In order to do so, both Terry and Lee work full-time jobs and stagger their schedules so that each can tend to the needs of their business.

Although their extraordinary work ethic and commitment to their craft is part of what makes the Kistners an asset to the Moapa Valley Community, it is their remarkable compassion for others and their dedication to community service that is truly inspiring. Terry and Lee strive to help others in any way they can. They frequently contribute their expertise in leather craftsmanship to school and community groups. Whether it means donating leather and teaching special education students how to make their own belts, donating labor and craftsmanship to the Nevada High School Rodeo winners or donating custom-made boots to fulfill a young boy's dreams of owning real cowboy boots, the Kistners are happy to give their talents to a variety of worthy endeavors.

Terry and Lee are also committed citizens of the United States of America. They instilled in each of their four children a sense of pride in their country and a commitment to serving others. They currently have a son who is serving in the United States Army in Iraq. In addition to all they do to serve their local community, the Kistners also strive to support their son in his military service. The Kistners have purchased and donated a variety of needed equipment and supplies for their son's 17-member military unit.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Terry and Lee Kistner on the floor of the House for the extraordinary citizens that they are. I commend their patriotism and their inspiring commitment to serving others. I thank them for the sacrifices they have made to brighten the lives of those around them and I wish them the very best in all their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO STERLING DOBBS OF HOMOSASSA, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Sterling Dobbs of Homosassa, Florida.

Joining the Army in June of 1941, Mr. Dobbs spent more than 4 years in service to our Nation. As a pilot, Mr. Dobbs proved his mettle in more than 35 combat missions in the European Theater during World War II.

Awarded his 1st distinguished flying cross on October 20, 1944, Mr. Dobbs had already shown extraordinary achievement as a pilot flying a B-24 aircraft on many bombardment missions.

On April 8, 1945, Mr. Dobbs received an oak leaf cluster for a distinguished flying cross as the lead pilot on a mission over enemy occupied continental Europe. On his 30th mission, Mr. Dobbs was the lead B-24 aircraft for the 2nd Air Division that flew into Kassel, Germany where they bombed a factory. After this mission he flew several more as the command pilot, with a final total of 35 combat missions.

Truly one of America's greatest generation, Mr. Dobbs served in the Nebraska National Guard for 3 years prior to his 5-year active duty commitment. Following his honorable discharge from the Army, Mr. Dobbs then served reserve duty for another 17 years.

Mr. Speaker, true American heroes like Sterling Dobbs should be honored for their service to our Nation and for their commitment and sacrifices in battle. It was young men like Sterling Dobbs who saved the world from the threat of Nazi occupation of Europe. Without their help, America and her allies would not have been victorious in World War II.

COMMEMORATING MT. JULIET'S HEROES THIS PATRIOT DAY

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the First Annual Patriot Day Community Candlelight Tribute in Mt. Juliet, TN.

Tonight, citizens from across Wilson County will come together to pay tribute to the men and women in uniform who work hard to protect our communities everyday. With flags flown at half-staff, a moment of silence and heartfelt prayer and a candlelight ceremony this evening, Mt. Juliet will remember all those who were lost on September 11, 2001 and honor the Americans who serve and protect our country today.

At home, our law enforcement officers, sheriff's department personnel, firefighters and emergency rescue workers give their energy and expertise to fight a variety of challenges and threats to make sure we are safe. From natural hazards and fires, to crime prevention, and the ever-growing meth epidemic, these local heroes endanger their lives to make ours safer.

Overseas, we count on the brave men and women of the Armed Forces to defend our